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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 19 December 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Somalia

Other matters

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

WORKING GROUP II

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1997

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 19 December 1996

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

ORIENTATION COURSE ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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The Women's International Forum will hold a meeting on "Empowering Women and Children for the Next Millenium: UNICEF's Mission for the Next Fifty Years" *today*, 19 December 1996, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The speaker will be Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Participants are asked to be seated by 10.45 a.m. The Director will make a presentation on the preparation and documentation of the Summit. Copies of the latest draft Plan of Action to be adopted at the Summit will be available at the meeting. All delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 19 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The tenth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will be held in New York from 6 to 17 January 1997. The provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in document A/CONF.241/62.

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Schedule of meetings of the working groups of the General Assembly (January - June 1997)*

OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE QUESTION OF EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION ON AND INCREASE IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL:

Monday, 10 March, to Friday, 14 March (8 meetings);
Monday, 17 March, to Friday, 21 March (8 meetings);
Monday, 28 April, to Friday, 2 May (8 meetings);
Monday, 5 May, to Friday, 9 May (8 meetings);
Tuesday, 27 May, to Friday, 30 May (7 meetings);
Monday, 2 June, to Friday, 6 June (8 meetings).

AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON AN AGENDA FOR DEVELOPMENT:

Monday, 10 February, to Friday, 14 February (8 meetings);
Tuesday, 18 February, to Friday, 21 February (7 meetings);
Monday, 31 March, to Friday, 4 April (8 meetings).

HIGH-LEVEL OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS:

Monday, 3 March, to Friday, 7 March (8 meetings);
Monday, 14 April, to Friday, 18 April (8 meetings);
Monday, 21 April, to Friday, 25 April (8 meetings);
Monday, 16 June, to Friday, 20 June (8 meetings).

OPEN-ENDED HIGH-LEVEL WORKING GROUP ON THE STRENGTHENING OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM:

Thursday, 23 January, to Tuesday, 28 January (8 meetings);
Monday, 24 February, to Thursday, 27 February (7 meetings);
Monday, 12 May, to Friday, 16 May (8 meetings);
Monday, 19 May, to Friday, 23 May (8 meetings);
Monday, 9 June, to Friday, 13 June (8 meetings).

INFORMAL OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON AN AGENDA FOR PEACE AND/OR ITS SUB-GROUPS:

Wednesday, 29 January, to Friday, 31 January (5 meetings);
Monday, 3 February, to Friday, 7 February (8 meetings);
Monday, 24 March, to Thursday, 27 March (7 meetings).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Boards of UNDP and UNFPA and of UNICEF

The Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund will hold informal consultations on the harmonization of budgets on Wednesday, 8 January 1996, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The first regular session 1997 of the Executive Boards of UNDP and UNFPA will be held from 13 to 17 January 1997 in Conference Room 3. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1997/L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5776) as soon as possible, but no later than 2 January 1997.

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* The Chairmen and members of the Bureaux also wish to advise that no meetings will be scheduled for Monday mornings and Friday afternoons.

During the week of 7 through 11 April 1997, the Vice-Chairmen may conduct informal meetings, if necessary.

Efforts have been made to prevent overlap of relevant meetings during the same period.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The informal pre-session briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its 1997 first regular session (20-24 January 1997) will take place on Friday, 10 January 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber at United Nations Headquarters. All delegations are invited to attend.

The first regular session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place from 20 to 24 January 1997 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber at United Nations Headquarters. The annotated provisional agenda and timetable are contained in document E/ICEF/1997/2.

Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Executive Board secretariat (212-326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than 13 January 1997. In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the Rules of Procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate with their credentials the specific items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Announcement

As from 4 December 1996, and for the rest of the month, there will be an informal briefing at 3 p.m., in the Press Briefing Room S-226, by the Presidency of the Security Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on those days when consultations of the whole are scheduled in the morning. When consultations take place in the afternoon, the briefing will be held immediately after the conclusion of the consultations.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Sunday, 15 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 44th meeting

Note: The summary of the 44th meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear at a later date in the *Journal*.

Monday, 16 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 45th meeting

Note: The summary of the 45th meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear at a later date in the *Journal*.

Tuesday, 17 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

87th plenary meeting

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-first session of the General Assembly: second report of the Credentials Committee (A/51/548/Add.1) [3(b)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution contained in paragraph 11 of the second report of the Credentials Committee (A/51/548/Add.1) (resolution 51/9 B).

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 3.

Report of the Security Council [11]

(a) Report of the Security Council (A/51/2)

(b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.64)

The representative of Colombia made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.64.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of France, the United Kingdom, Mexico, the United States, the Russian Federation, Canada, Ukraine and New Zealand.

By 111 votes to 4, with 41 abstentions (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.64 (resolution 51/193).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Brazil, Norway, Argentina, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, Australia and Belarus.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 11.

Report of the Economic and Social Council: chapters considered directly in plenary meeting [Chapters I, II, III, IV, V (sections A and F), VI and VIII] (A/51/3) [12]

The President made a statement concerning Chapter V, Section F, of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

The General Assembly took note of Chapters I, II, III, IV, V (section A), VI and VIII of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of Chapters I, II, III, IV, V (section A), VI and VIII of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 12.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/51/107) [18(g)]

The General Assembly took note of the appointment by the President of the Assembly of Chile, Fiji, France, Gabon, Japan, Namibia and the Russian Federation as members of the Committee on Conferences, with effect from 1 January 1997.

The Assembly concluded its consideration of sub-item (g) of agenda item 18.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [21]

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/172-E/1996/77)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/51/L.45/Rev.1)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/326, A/51/464)

(ii) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.26, L.48)

(iii) Draft decision (A/51/L.65)

The representative of Sweden made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.45/Rev.1.

The representative of the Congo made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.26.

The representative of the Sudan made a statement on a point of order.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Canada and Australia.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.45/Rev.1 (resolution 51/194).

By 103 votes to 34, with 15 abstentions (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.26 (resolution 51/30 H).

The Assembly adopted draft decision A/51/L.65.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Mexico and Norway.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 21.

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 21.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan; the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [21(c) and 39]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/704, A/51/698-S/1996/988)

(b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.49)

(c) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/736)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.49 (resolution 51/195).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Pakistan and the United States.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 21.

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 39.

The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti [37]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/703)

(b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.63)

(c) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/739)

The representative of Chile made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.63.

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Canada, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), France and Haiti.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.63 (resolution 51/196).

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 37.

The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [40]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/338, A/51/693, A/51/695)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.18/Rev.1, L.57, L.58)

(c) Reports of the Fifth Committee (A/51/723, A/51/734, A/51/735)

The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolutions A/51/L.57 and A/51/L.58.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and Spain.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/51/L.18/Rev.1 (resolution 51/197), A/51/L.57 (resolution 51/198) and A/51/L.58 (resolution 51/199).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United States.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guatemala and El Salvador.

The General Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 40.

88th plenary meeting

Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations [16]

(a) Letter from the President of the Security Council to the President of the General Assembly (A/51/732)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.66, L.67)

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The President of the Security Council made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted by acclamation draft resolution A/51/L.66 (resolution 51/200) and draft resolution A/51/L.67 (resolution 51/201).

Following the adoption by acclamation of resolution 51/200, the President announced that His Excellency Mr. Kofi Annan had been appointed Secretary-General of the United Nations for a term of office beginning on 1 January 1997 and ending on 31 December 2001 and proceeded to the installation ceremony.

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly heard statements by the representatives of the Congo (on behalf of the African States); Mongolia (on behalf of the Asian States); Poland (on behalf of the Eastern European States); Mexico (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States); Canada (on behalf of the Western European and other States); and the United States (as host country).

The President administered the oath of office to the Secretary-General elect.

The Secretary-General elect made a statement.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 16.

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development [45]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/348)

(b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.55)

The representative of Chile made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.55.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Canada and Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.55 (resolution 51/202).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 45.

Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development [55]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 55 and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-second session.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 55.

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina: draft resolution (A/51/L.62/Rev.1) [56]

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 149 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.62/Rev.1 (resolution 51/203).

The representative of Cape Verde made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 56.

Observer status for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in the General Assembly: draft resolution (A/51/L.56) [163]

The representative of Germany made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.56.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belize, Ghana and Italy.

The representative of Turkey made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.56 (resolution 51/204).

In accordance with the resolution just adopted, the Registrar of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea made a statement.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 163.

Proclamation of 21 November as World Television Day: draft resolution (A/51/L.60) [164]

The representative of Italy made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.60.

The representative of France made a statement.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States, the Netherlands and Germany.

By 141 votes to 0, with 11 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.60 (resolution 51/205).

The representative of Cuba made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 164.

Reports of the Sixth Committee

Convention on the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses [144]

(a) Report of the Sixth Committee (A/51/624)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/733)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/51/624) (resolution 51/206).

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 144.

Establishment of an international criminal court [147]

(a) Report of the Sixth Committee (A/51/627)

(b) Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/51/721)

(c) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/733)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/51/627) (resolution 51/207).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 147.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [150]

(a) Report of the Sixth Committee (A/51/630)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/733)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 14 of its report (A/51/630) (resolutions 51/208 and 51/209).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 150.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [151]

(a) Report of the Sixth Committee (A/51/631)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/733)

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Lebanon and China.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/51/631) (resolution 51/210).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Liechtenstein and the Netherlands.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 151.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Sixth Committee before it.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 46th meeting

Note: The summary of the 46th meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear at a later date in the *Journal*.

Wednesday, 18 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

89th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 89th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/247).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 47th meeting

Note: The summary of the 47th meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear at a later date in the *Journal*.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 8 of the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination, 1966, adopted at the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties on 15 January 1992

Acceptance: Switzerland (16 December 1996)*

Agreement on the Establishment of the International Vaccine Institute, opened for signature at New York on 28 October 1996

Ratification: Republic of Korea (17 December 1996)*

Amendments to articles 16, 17 and 19 (b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, adopted on 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Algeria (18 December 1996)*

International Convention Against the Taking of Hostages, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 17 December 1979

Accession: Algeria (18 December 1996)*

International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995, concluded at Geneva on 17 February 1995

Provisional application: European Community (18 December 1996)*

Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards, done at New York on 10 June 1958

Accession: Kyrgyzstan (18 December 1996)*

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions, concluded at Oslo on 14 June 1994

Ratification: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (17 December 1996)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, adopted at the Second Meeting of the Parties at London on 29 June 1990

Accession: Czech Republic (18 December 1996)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, adopted at the Fourth Meeting of the Parties at Copenhagen on 25 November 1992

Accession: Czech Republic (18 December 1996)*

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, opened for signature at Paris on 14 October 1994

Ratification: India (17 December 1996)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Inauguration

The first stage of the relocation of the DPI/NGO Resource Centre to the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Building has been completed. The Centre provides to representatives of non-governmental organizations access to major publications of the United Nations system, United Nations documentation and public information materials of the Department of Public Information. In addition, it has a lending library of United Nations video materials. The next stage is to establish computerized access to United Nations databases on Internet. The Centre is located in Room L-1B-31, on the same level with the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Reading Room and Auditorium.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, will inaugurate the new DPI/NGO Resource Centre *today*, 19 December 1996, at 10.30 a.m.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 19 December 1996, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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International Day of Disabled Persons

Exhibition

The Department for Public Information, in collaboration with the American Foundation for the Blind, has organized an exhibition entitled "Inspiration and Innovation: Helen Keller and the American Foundation for the Blind", to run until 31 December in the Public Lobby.

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